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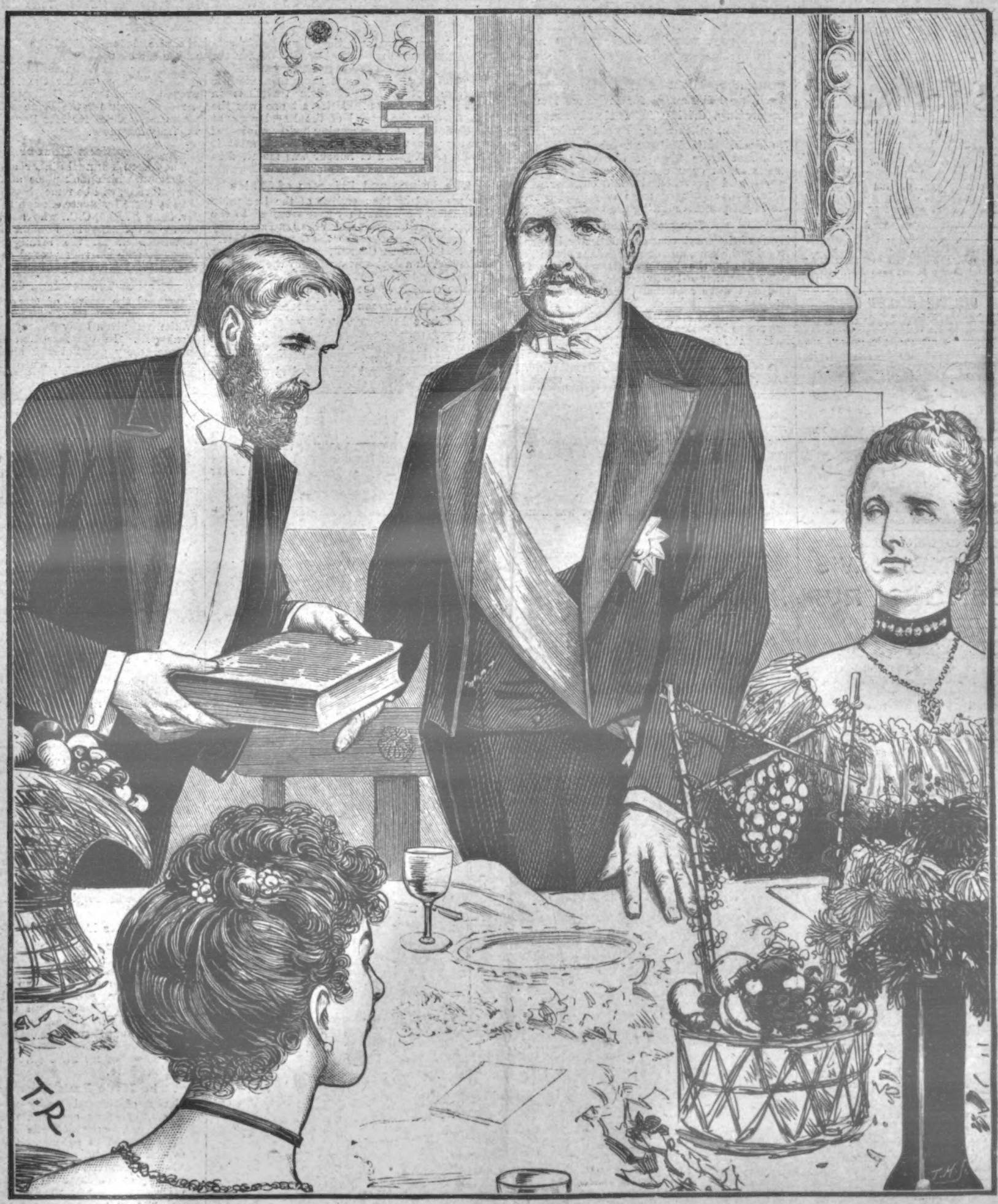

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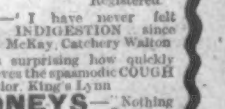

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THE KING, accompanied by the Prince and Princess of Wales, and some of the members of the house-party at Sandringham, returned to London on Monday morning, arriving at St. Pancras just before 1.30 p.m. His Majesty, who looked in perfect health, drove to Marlborough House. In the afternoon His Majesty received the new German Ambassador, Count Paul Wolff-Metternich. The King left London for Frogmore House in the evening, driving in a closed carriage to Paddington, whence the special train left at 7 o'clock. His Majesty reached Windsor at 7.35, and drove through the gaily decorated streets in an open carriage drawn by a pair of greys, and preceded by an outrider. His Majesty has enjoyed some very good sport in the Royal preserves during the week.

Frogmore House

is one of the most charming if lesser known of Royal residences, and one endeared to both Their Majesties by the fact that it was there they spent a portion of the first year of their married life, and there also that their eldest child, the late lamented Duke of Clarence and Avondale, was born. The wonderful gardens at Frogmore deserve to be better known than they are, though it is an instructive fact that botanists and gardeners come from all over the world to visit this portion of the Royal demesne at Windsor. The Frogmore gardens are, properly speaking, quite independent of Frogmore House, but they add a great charm to the place, and there is no doubt that Queen Alexandra, who is devoted to gardening, much enjoys when in residence the splendid glasshouses, of which the vineries alone are unique as being the most splendid in the kingdom.

The Royal Visit to the City.

The reception of the Prince and Princess of Wales at the Guildhall on Thursday was a most brilliant ceremony, and the City officials certainly maintained their great reputation for the hospitality for which they are so famous. Certain is it that no pains were spared to make the entertainment worthy of Civic traditions in regard to the Crown. Half-past one was the time fixed for the arrival of the Royal party at the Guildhall. A large awning had been erected over the place where they would alight from their carriages. A guard of honour was mounted in the forecourt.

The Prince and Princess of Wales

were received by the members of the Reception Committee, by whom they were escorted to the library. Here were assembled the Lord and Lady Mayoress, the members of the Courts of Aldermen and Common Council. The Lord Mayor was seated on a dais, surrounded by the members of the Courts, the Town Clerk, the Recorder, and the officials of the Corporation.

An Address of Welcome,

enclosed in a handsome case bearing the City arms, was then presented to the Prince, who responded to the good wishes and congratulations of the citizens.

As soon as His Royal Highness had concluded his address, the two senior Aldermen, the mover of the address (Mr. Deputy Woodrow), and the seconder (Alderman Sir John Whittaker Ellis) were presented to the Prince and Princess. The general company invited to the déjeuner then filed out of the library, and took their places at table in the Great Hall, followed by the Lord Mayor and the Lady Mayoress and the Royal party.

The Toast List

was confined to a few essential toasts, the chief, of course, being that of the Royal Family, to which the Prince of Wales responded. The news-room of the Guildhall Library was fitted up as a smoking-room for the Prince, while the ground floor of the Art Gallery was furnished as a retiring-room for the Princess, and adjoining were the boudoirs for Her Royal Highness and the Lady Mayoress.

FROGMORE HOUSE, WINDSOR, WHERE HIS MAJESTY HAS BEEN RESIDING DURING THE WEEK.

Devonians Honour Buller.

The fifteenth annual dinner of the Devonians in London, which took place at the Hotel Cecil last Saturday, will be remembered for a very long time by those fortunate enough to obtain tickets. Mr. John H. Lile, C.C., who has been Chairman of the Devonians in London for ten years, superintended all the arrangements for the banquet, and his task proved to be a gigantic one, as 674 ladies and gentlemen attended.

A Tremendous Cheer

announced the arrival of General Buller, who was accompanied by Mrs. Lile, and another ovation was given Lady Audrey Buller and Lord Monkswell. In the reception the crowd was intense, every guest being anxious to shake hands with the General and Lady Audrey Buller.

The first speech was made by Mr. Lile, who referred to the fact that General Buller had been made President of the Devonians in London last year, and that certain people were afraid that the General would not preside at this meeting owing to troubles which he had gone through; but

The General was Not One to Go Back on His Word,

and he had fulfilled his promise. The event of the evening was the presentation of the resolution, passed by Devonians in London, and beautifully bound in album form, by Lord Monkswell to General Buller. It ran as follows—

That this meeting of Devonians in London desires to place on record its unstinted admiration of General Sir Redvers Buller as a brilliant and chivalrous soldier of the Empire; to express its warm appreciation of the great and valued services he has rendered to King and country during the long period of forty-two years; to assure him of our unshaken confidence and regard and belief in him as a skilful, courageous, and gallant officer.

Lord Monkswell

made a very strong speech, in which he referred in scathing terms to the anonymous critics who directed their venom against the gallant General, and said he hoped to see the day when General Buller would be reinstated in the position which he is entitled to as a worthy servant of the State.

General Buller

said that when he accepted last year the presidency of the London Devonians he little thought of the difficult position in which he was now placed. He had carefully studied Devonshire folklore and hunted up Devon stories, but these he had all forgotten in the great feelings of humility and gratitude for his wonderful reception. He could not express his gratitude for the generous and sympathetic greeting accorded him or for the many letters which he had received. "I feel," he said, "absolutely precluded from entering into any discussion whatever, and I hope you will forgive me if I abstain from doing so.

"Secrecy is Foreign to My Nature,

and I am among my Devon friends, but discipline forbids." Instead of talking about himself, Sir Redvers did what was far better—he endeavoured to say a word in favour of his absent comrades shut up in the blockhouses on the lines of communication, whose lot, of all the hard lots in this war, is surely the hardest. One point about Saturday's dinner was perfectly clear. It was the absolute trust and confidence in the affection for Sir Redvers which all good Devonians have.

The Hyde Park Demonstration

in favour of General Buller was, in point of numbers, certainly one of the most successful that has ever entered Hyde Park, the crowd being estimated at 100,000. Contingents from the various trade unions and societies, with their bands and banners, gathered on the Embankment early on Sunday afternoon and marched to the Park, which was reached at 3.30. The crowd was so dense that the procession could scarcely make any headway, but there was not any disorder during the entire proceedings. The

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speakers were split up between the Devon, English, Scotch, Welsh, and Irish platforms. The speeches from the various platforms were very much alike. The speakers asked for a fair trial for General Buller, so that he could clear himself. The following resolution was put simultaneously at the six platforms and passed unanimously—

That this meeting is of opinion that the speech of General Sir Redvers Buller, V.C., was not the cause of, but the excuse for, his dismissal: that his refusal to alter his Spion Kop despatches greatly redounds to his credit; and we respectfully tender to him our deep sympathy, and an assurance of our unbounded confidence.

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The meeting cheered General Buller for about twenty minutes, and sang

"For He's a Jolly Good Fellow,"

after which the crowd broke up and dispersed quietly.

A Successful Concert

in aid of the Royal Courts of Justice Staff Sick and Provident Fund was given on Nov. 28 at Portman Rooms. Mr. Justice Bigham presided, and among the large company were a number of well-known members of the Bar. The programme consisted of no less than forty-four "turns," including songs by Mr. Herbert Campbell, and a clever display of sword-manship by Vicomte de la Chapelle and Mr. Henry Seaton.

Princes' Skating Club.

Princes' Skating Club, which was recently reopened for the winter season, is quite as popular as ever, even if not more so, the present number of paying members amounting to over a thousand. Sunday is the favourite day, and in the afternoon the rink wears a very lively and animated appearance. Most of the members are expert skaters, through this permanent opportunity for practice, but there are both men and lady teachers for those most recently elected, who are not in skating form. The rink is always well attended every afternoon, and the invigorating exercise it makes possible must go a long way to overcome the after-effects of late supper-parties, and the arduous round of social duties, etc. This is obvious from the fresh appearance of those who regularly attend, and it occurs to the onlooker that all fees and subscriptions must be easily saved from the doctor's bill.

At Drury Lane, "Blue Beard"

is being pushed forward with great activity, and will be a magnificent production, fully equal to its predecessors at the National Theatre. Mr. Arthur Collins has some pantomime ideas "up his sleeve" which will astonish and delight the hosts of juvenile visitors who will throng the vast auditorium on Boxing Night. Fun and fancy judiciously blended will make the gorgeous Drury Lane annual one of the most attractive ever seen on that historic stage.

"Aladdin," at the Hippodrome,

will be a spectacular production of great interest. It is said that no less than £10,000 will be spent in providing the gorgeous dresses of the great procession, which will be a feature in the piece. Written by Mr. H. Risque, with music by Carl Kiefurt, great efforts will be made to beat the record of last year.

At the Prince of Wales's Theatre

the eccentric piece, "Katawampas," founded on Judge Parry's whimsical sketch, will make the

SKETCHES AT THE CONCERT IN AID OF THE ROYAL COURTS OF JUSTICE STAFF SICK AND PROVIDENT FUND.

holiday afternoons lively. It can hardly fail to be an amusing production.

At Wyndham's Theatre

that exquisite play "Little Lord Fauntleroy," with a real boy in the character of the youthful nobleman, and additional characters in the shape of Mr. Hobbs of the New York store, and the Irish girl, promises well.

"Frocks and Frills,"

which was to have been produced at the Haymarket, is postponed until after Christmas, owing to the illness of Miss Winifred Emery, who is to play the "society" heroine. Meanwhile, "The Second in Command" is kept in the bills.

"The Twin Sisters,"

adapted from the German of Ludwig Fulda, will be given at the Duke of York's Theatre. It is likely to prove a strong, sympathetic, and effective play.

The Dramatic Performances at Sandringham

by "order of the King" were entirely successful, and Mr. Seymour Hicks, Miss Ellaline Terriss, and Mr. Dan Leno delighted the Court circle, and received handsome presents from the King and Queen. The children who played in "Scrooge" were also presented with baskets of grapes by the Queen. The Royal brougham was sent to Lynn with Miss Terriss, her husband making the journey in His Majesty's motor-car.

During Mrs. Patrick Campbell's Absence

the Royalty will be taken by Messrs. Herz and Blow, who will produce a musical Christmas piece, "The Swineherd and the Princess." Miss Phyllis Broughton will play the Princess and Mr. Herz the Swineherd. The music is by a new composer, Mr. Amory. The libretto is from one of Hans Christian Andersen's tales.

"Shockheaded Peter" and "The Man who Stole the Castle"

proved so successful last year at the Garrick Theatre that they will be revived for the holidays.

The Vaudeville

has a pretty Christmas piece in "Blue Bell in Fairyland." Miss Ellaline Terriss represents the flower-girl who falls asleep and dreams she is in fairyland. Mr. Seymour Hicks, after appearing as a crossing-sweeper and in other characters, eventually becomes the fairy Prince and rescues pretty Blue Bell from the risks of her enchanted vicinity. Pretty music by Mr. Walter Slaughter adds to the attractions of the Vaudeville piece.

The Alhambra

takes Santa Claus as the subject of a pretty Christmas sketch, and adds to its attractiveness with pretty dresses, etc. There is just enough story to give interest to the sketch, which will be placed upon the stage with the effect usually associated with the Alhambra productions.

The Savoy

will be furnished with ample means of enjoyment by the revival of "Iolanthe," which was produced at that theatre Nov. 25, 1882. There will be no members of the original cast in the revival, but the present company is fully able to do justice to this lively production, which, with Mr. Gilbert's superintendence, has been placed upon the stage with the greatest care. Mr. Gilbert's satire on the Lords and Commons will prove entertaining in view of the new Parliamentary rules to be adopted when the House opens early in the New Year. The charming music of the late Sir Arthur Sullivan will be certain to meet with the utmost appreciation.

"The Belle of Cairo,"

written originally by Mr. Cecil Raleigh, and music by Mr. Kinsey Peile, has been rewritten by Mr. H. Chance Newton, and produced at the Lyric Theatre, Hammersmith. The new version has been brought up to the present day, and contains several new characters.

Wagner at the Albert Hall.

Twenty-five years ago Wagner appealed to the British lover of music at the Albert Hall with little success, but now the Bayreuth musician's works have conquered everybody, and Mr. Newman last Saturday, with an orchestra of two hundred performers, conducted by Mr. Henry J. Wood, played a Wagner selection with great success. "Tannhäuser," "Lohengrin," and "Die Meistersinger" were drawn upon. Miss Marie Brema was indisposed, but Mr. Ffrangçon Davies, the Welsh baritone, sang a scena from the "Flying Dutchman" with great success.

Lady Halle,

upon whom the title of "Violinist to the Queen" has just been conferred, was born at Bonn in 1839, and from the earliest age displayed great talent as a violinist, appearing in public in 1845, when only six years old. Her grace and finish of style and complete mastery of all technical difficulties have raised her to her present high position. In fact, I am quite justified in speaking of her as the finest of all lady violinists. She is a great favourite with the Queen, who has frequently, at considerable inconvenience, made a point of attending any concert where she played. On the death of her husband, Madame Norman-Neruda became the wife of Sir Charles Hallé, the distinguished pianist and conductor. Whenever she appears in public, Lady Hallé is invariably greeted with enthusiasm, and English lovers of music will be delighted to hear of the distinction conferred upon her by the Queen, who is known to be thoroughly well qualified to appreciate her great gifts.

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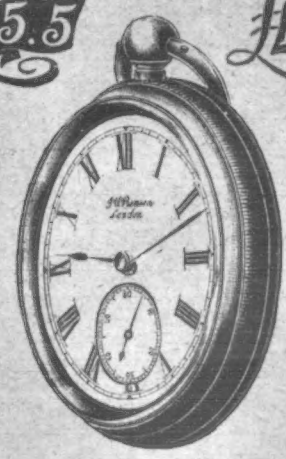

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Queen Alexandra's Birthday was celebrated very quietly at Sandringham on Sunday, Her Majesty being surrounded by members of the Royal Family, the King, the Prince and Princess of Wales and their children, Princess Victoria, and Prince and Princess Charles of Denmark all being present. The usual tea to the school-children on the Royal estate, for whose welfare the King and Queen have done so much, was given in the several schoolhouses.

The Government Offices and clubs hoisted their flags on Monday in honour of the event, and at noon the V Battery of Royal Horse Artillery fired a salute of forty-one guns (combining Royal and park salutes) in St James's Park. In the evening most of the clubs burned gas flares and displayed illuminated devices. In the case of Marlborough House it was observed that the device was a specially prepared one, having the monogram "A.R." picked out in tiny gas jets, with a circlet of bays framing the whole device, also in small gas fires.

The Duke of Teck met with a somewhat serious accident last week while hunting with the South Cheshire Hounds, his horse catching a wire stretched at the top of a fence and turning a somersault. His Serene Highness was carried from the field in a semi-conscious condition, but his medical attendants announce that his injuries give no cause for alarm.

The Lord Great Chamberlain.—The rush for office in baronial circles is almost unprecedented. During the current week the rival claims of the four aspirants to this lordly post in King Edward VII.'s household will come before the House of Lords, sitting as a Court of Claims, to which will be added the two legal luminaries, Lord Alverstone (Lord Chief Justice) and Sir R. Henn Collins (Master of the Rolls). The four claimants for the position are the Earl of Ancaster, the Duke of Atholl, the Marquess of Cholmondeley, and Earl Carrington. As heredity enters into the question, it may be recalled that the office was created

by Henry I., in 1101, and was held for a long time by the De Veres, Earls of Oxford. Of the claimants, the chances of the Marquess of Cholmondeley and Earl Carrington appear to be the rosiest. The latter is well known in the municipal life of London, and is much in touch with those industrial problems that form a part of the social organism of the Metropolis. A distinguished son of a family of famous Generals is the Marquess of Cholmondeley, and his claim to the position is by no means to be despised.

Boer Murders.—Commandant Fouché, one of the most desperate of the Boer leaders raiding the Cape Colony, is reported to have shot two British prisoners—both belonging to the 1st Battalion Connaught Rangers. This is Fouché's way of avenging the execution of rebel leaders in the Colony. The following telegram has been received from the general officer commanding the lines of communication, and issued from the War Office: "Cape Town, Wednesday, Nov. 27. Private John Rooney and Private Michael Connage, 1st Battalion Connaught Rangers, were taken prisoners at Dordrecht, Nov. 16. Officer commanding states that he has received a letter from Fouché stating that he has shot these men. Bodies cannot be found."

Civil War in South America.—As the serious disorder in the Panama Isthmus is still a much discussed topic in political circles, we present portraits of General Castro and Señor Marroquin. It is stated that General Castro, who had been acting as second in command of the Conservative forces in the Isthmus, was killed in an engagement which he had at Bahia Soldado. Señor Marroquin, the President of Colombia, is between fifty and sixty years of age, a man of strict integrity as an administrator, and also well known as a person of culture. Colon, which has been transferred to the control of the commanders of the foreign war-ships for surrender to the

Photo. Ellis and Walery.

HER MOST GRACIOUS MAJESTY QUEEN ALEXANDRA

WHOSE BIRTHDAY WAS CELEBRATED QUIETLY AT SANDRINGHAM LAST SUNDAY.

Conservatives, is situated on the east side of the Bay of Limon. It owes its existence as a town entirely to the Panama Railroad, of which it is the terminus on the northern or Atlantic side of the Isthmus. It was founded in 1849, at the time of the construction of the railway, and was originally called Aspinwall, after one of the financiers of the railway. The present population is about 3,000. During the attempt to construct the Panama Canal, Colon was a place of comparatively great importance, as all the material for the works was discharged there. The bay is exposed occasionally to hurricanes from the north, and during a fearful storm in 1885 sixteen vessels were driven into and wrecked in the mangrove swamps which line the bay. The Canal was completed for two miles inland from Colon, but, owing to its silting up from the overflow of the river Chagres during the heavy rains, this section required continual dredging.

Colon is a hotbed of yellow fever, and not infrequently travellers merely passing over the Isthmus through the

PRESIDENT OF COLOMBIA. THE LATE GENERAL CASTRO.

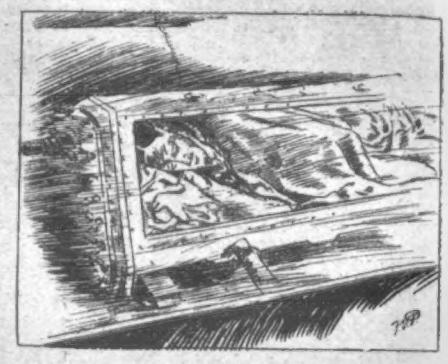
town are attacked by it. Passengers to the Pacific Coast, therefore, make no stay here. Colombian troubles are by no means of yesterday. For some five years the outbreak has been simmering. Only by dint of periodical concessions to the Liberal "rebels" has the Conservative Government held its own. The Liberals have the sympathy of both Venezuela and Ecuador, on account of business and family connections. Restlessness seems to be the normal condition of the Southern Republics, and the United States find no light task in quelling the frequent outbreaks.

The "Illustrated London News" Athletic Club annual smoking concert was held at the Falstaff Restaurant, Eastcheap, last Saturday. In the unavoidable absence of Mr. Herbert Ingram, the chair was filled by Mr. H. McClelland, who also distributed the prizes won at the athletic sports. During the evening a telegram was received from Mr. Herbert Ingram, promising to give an extra cup for next year. Great interest was taken in the chairman's speech referring to the enforced absence, through illness, of the genial editor of the *Sketch* and *P.I.P.*, and a letter of sympathy from the employés of the firm was despatched from the room to Mr. John Latey's residence. The hon. secs., Mr. S. E. Wheble, was given a well-merited vote of thanks for the able manner in which his onerous duties have been discharged.

The Sensational Frauds on the Bank of Liverpool, which have involved that institution in a loss of £170,000, have been followed by several startling developments. The first was the arrest of "Dick" Burge, the well-known boxer, whose portrait appeared in last week's *P.I.P.* Then came the report that a well-known London bookmaker, Mr. Laurence Marks, "wanted" in connection with the frauds, had committed suicide by jumping overboard from a cross-Channel steamer. Later in the week Mr. "Tom" Kelly, of Tennyson Place, Otley Road, Bradford, was arrested in London on a warrant, charging him with conspiring to defraud the Liverpool Bank by uttering forged cheques. Kelly surrendered at Bow Street on learning that a charge was preferred against him. Kelly is a well-known sporting man in Bradford. He states that he is perfectly innocent of any fraudulent action. Several other arrests are hourly expected. Goudie, the absconding Liverpool Bank clerk, was arrested on Monday morning at Bootle, where he had apparently rented a lodging ever since his disappearance.

MR. TOM KELLY.

The Royal Aquarium has during the week been beating the record in the matter of sensation. Last Saturday Georges Papuss, a South American, began a week's abstinence from food while hermetically sealed in a glass case, or as the programme styles it, "a crystal urn," under water. It is with such surroundings that Papuss differs from others of the fasting fraternity. Moreover, he goes to his special work under special conditions. First, he throws himself into a kind of trance, and then, according to his own statement, by power of self-control and action he finds hunger, and therefore food, unnecessary, and can live submerged without nourishment of any kind. Yet let it be said that air is conveyed and kept in motion through a tube by an electrical fan; and visitors can see and talk with the captive (through a tube) during his imprisonment. While it continues the fasting man is wrapped in hundreds



A ROYAL AQUARIUM SENSATION.

of yards of flannel, seemingly a great help to carry through the remarkable feat. It was not a pleasant sight, it must be confessed, to see Papuss preparing to enter the glass prison-house, from which he will not emerge until this Saturday at 10.30 p.m. A more sensational spectacle can scarcely be imagined. It has been attracting crowds.

Sir Edward Hutton has been appointed Commandant of the Military Forces of the Australian Commonwealth, with the rank of Major-General in the Army. Sir Edward was born in 1848, educated at Eton, and joined the 60th Rifles in 1867. He became Colonel in 1892. He first saw service in the Zulu War with the Mounted Infantry, being in the battle of Guigiloro and at the relief of Ekowe. Then he served in the Boer War of 1881, and after that in the Egyptian War, being at the battle of Tel-el-Kebir. In 1884-5 he served with the Nile Expedition, and in 1888 raised the Mounted Infantry at Aldershot, and

SIR EDWARD HUTTON.

commanded it four years. From 1893 to 1896 he commanded the military forces of New South Wales, and from 1898 to 1900 held chief command of the Canadian Militia. In 1896 he presided at the military conferences in Australia, and in Ireland has been A.A.G.

The Railway Calamity.—One of the most appalling accidents that have ever happened in the West occurred on Nov. 27 on the Wabash Railway at Seneca, Michigan. Two passenger trains, one going west and the other east, met at full speed. The two trains were heavily loaded, one being drawn by two engines. The west-bound train, known as No. 13, carried 150 passengers. The train consisted of nine cars, several of them loaded with Italian immigrants from New York going west. The east-bound train was the fast express No. 4, consisting of eight cars, including Pullmans, filled with passengers for Detroit, New York, and other Eastern points. Six cars of No. 13, chiefly filled with immigrants, were jammed together by the force of the collision; two were reduced to splinters, and the occupants instantly killed. Immediately after the collision the other wrecked cars caught fire; the occupants were pinioned in the débris and slowly roasted to death.

Terrible Shrieks and groans came from the flaming wreckage, the air was filled with the odour of burning, and the victims were seen struggling desperately and hopelessly to extricate themselves from the wreckage. Men and women, realising that death was certain, begged the onlookers to kill them before the flames reached them. The news of the disaster promptly brought relief trains with doctors from Adrian, Montpelier, and Peru. The injured were taken to hospitals in those towns. When the relief parties arrived the fire was burning so fiercely that they were unable to do anything until it had subsided, and the heat was so intense that some cars and their human freight were reduced to blackened powder. The night was bitterly cold, and the surviving passengers suffered intensely. The surgeons dressed the wounds of the injured by the light of the burning cars.

A THROW IN.

A SMART PICK-UP.

THE 'VARSITIES v. REST OF ENGLAND AT RICHMOND ON NOVEMBER 27.

"P.I.P." Snap-Shots

THE WORLD OF PASTIME.

THE TRIAL EIGHTS AT OXFORD.

IT is not a little singular that just at this time of discussion as to whether foreign entries should be entertained in connection with the rowing at Henley Regatta, two Americans should be found taking a prominent part in the Oxford University trial eights. Of course, none who are admitted to one or other of our Universities can be regarded as aliens. It is Alma Mater with all, no matter to what quarter of the globe they may by birth belong. Still, the fact that the brothers J. G. and D. Milburn were selected goes far to show that our insular prejudices are not as some endeavour to show. These two young men from Pennsylvania rowed respectively 4 and 5 in the winning boat of Saturday last, the stroke being J. B. Whaley, one of the four old boys of Eton who found seats in the boat. The race was from Moulsford Railway Bridge to Cleeve Lock, a distance of two miles, and for the greater portion of the distance was of very interesting description. An advantage in having more shelter as the finishing point was reached, and the good judgment of Whaley, helped Crew No. 1 to success in the fair time of 11 min. 10 sec., considering that clinker-built boats were used, and that there was no stream to speak of. A number of old University men were present, including W. A. L. Fletcher, H. Gold, C. L. Hemmerde, J. C. Maclagan, W. B. Woodgate, G. B. Etherington-Smith, E. L. Warre, and H. B. Kittermaster.

Corinthians v. Tottenham Hotspur.

It was not to be supposed that such a match as this would fail to draw visitors in large numbers to Tottenham Park, and therefore a gate of 10,000 came not in the light of a surprise. The professionals were in the same capital form that they have recently exhibited, and showing excellent combination, were rather more than a match for the Corinthians, in whose team were C. B. Fry, W. U. Timmis, H. Vickers, H. Thwaites, M. Morgan-Owen, M. H. Stanbrough, R. E. Foster, G. O. Smith, C. F. Ryder, H. S. Snell, and L. T. Driffield, who took the place of goalkeeper, usually occupied by G. E. Wilkinson. The game was very fast throughout and exceedingly interesting. One goal, by the Corinthians, was scored in the first half, but the "Spurs," directly after change of ends, equalised. The position remained unaltered until within fifteen minutes of time, when the home side again scored, and so, as it happened, won by two goals to one. Some of the charging was pretty vigorous, but only one or two fouls were claimed. Hard work was what both teams went in for, and they had plenty of it.

Other "Friendlies" in London.

At Upton there was a capital match between Clapton and Oxford University. For forty minutes there was no score. Then Clapton gained a goal. In the second half each scored twice, so the home team won by three goals to two. Richmond Association and Crewe Alexandra met at Queen's Club, West Kensington, but the big counter attraction at Tottenham proved a bar to a good attendance. Both teams had a strong representation, and an excellently contested and well-played game ended in a draw of two goals each. The Casuals had a fairly strong team out on Saturday at Tufnell Park, but seemed unable to settle down in the first half, and this cost them the game, for their opponents scored four goals before the interval was reached. Afterwards there was a good deal of pressing on the part of the Casuals, and this being met by very vigorous tactics on the part of West Hampstead, led to some foul play. The latter's goal narrowly escaped several times, but four to none was still the score when time arrived.

Only One Defeat Suffered at Home.

This was Saturday's experience in connection with the League First Division matches, one of the visiting teams to go under being Everton, who at present share the honour of leaders with Sunderland. This defeat of Everton must be regarded as one of the best things done by Derby County this season. It was accomplished by three goals to one. Sunderland, against Small Heath, on the latter's ground, just managed to win after a hard game. Bury, at Bolton, against the Wanderers, could manage no more than a draw. Aston Villa met with defeat at the hands of Liverpool on the latter's ground; Newcastle, at home to Grimsby Town, beat them by five goals to one; and Sheffield Wednesday, at Owlerton, were successful over Stoke, by three to one. Wolverhampton Wanderers, though playing at home, did nothing better than draw with Sheffield United; while Notts Forest, at Hyde Road, Manchester, lost by three goals to one to Manchester City, who are still at the bottom of the list. The

Continued Success of Woolwich Arsenal

in Second Division matches must be gratifying to those who wish to see them gain a place among the swells of the League. On Saturday they had against them the Doncaster Rovers, and the match was played at Plumstead. It was far from being a walk over, but the Arsenal won, scoring the only goal of the match a minute or so before time. Needless to say, much excitement was shown by the large company of onlookers, especially as the win placed the Arsenal on a level with Middlesbrough at the top of the list. The chief match in the Southern League was that between Southampton and Reading, at the former place. The game was rough, and a player of each side was ordered off the field. In the result Southampton proved successful by two goals to none, and remain at the head of affairs with Portsmouth, who successfully engaged West Ham in a Western League match. In

Rugby Union

football there was plenty to interest. Two county championship matches were played. In that at Bristol between Gloucestershire and Devon (winners of the championship last season), the latter were beaten by superior back play, the score against them being 16 points, while they obtained three only. At Kendal the honours of the day fell to Lancashire, who beat Cumberland by a goal and two tries to nothing. In the Metropolis the match between

Richmond and Edinburgh Wanderers

possessed the greatest amount of interest. While the play remained with the forwards there was not much to choose, but when it became open the advantage nearly always rested with Richmond, who won by 24 points to 3. The meeting of

Blackheath and Guy's and St. Thomas's Hospitals

in combined force was productive of a capital game at the Rectory Field. In the first half, the hospitals had the better of the game, but the club, who were not strongly represented, scored the most. Subsequently Blackheath did the major portion of attacking work, yet the hospitals won—by 8 points to 5. London Scottish, at Richmond, had much the best of their match with the Royal Indian Engineering College; but in the game between Old Merchant Taylors and Kensington, also played at Richmond, there was a fine struggle, the last-named club, though the weaker in attack, showing splendid defence. Within a very short period of the close, the Kensington goal-line was crossed, and so the O.M.T.'s won.

Oxford and Cambridge

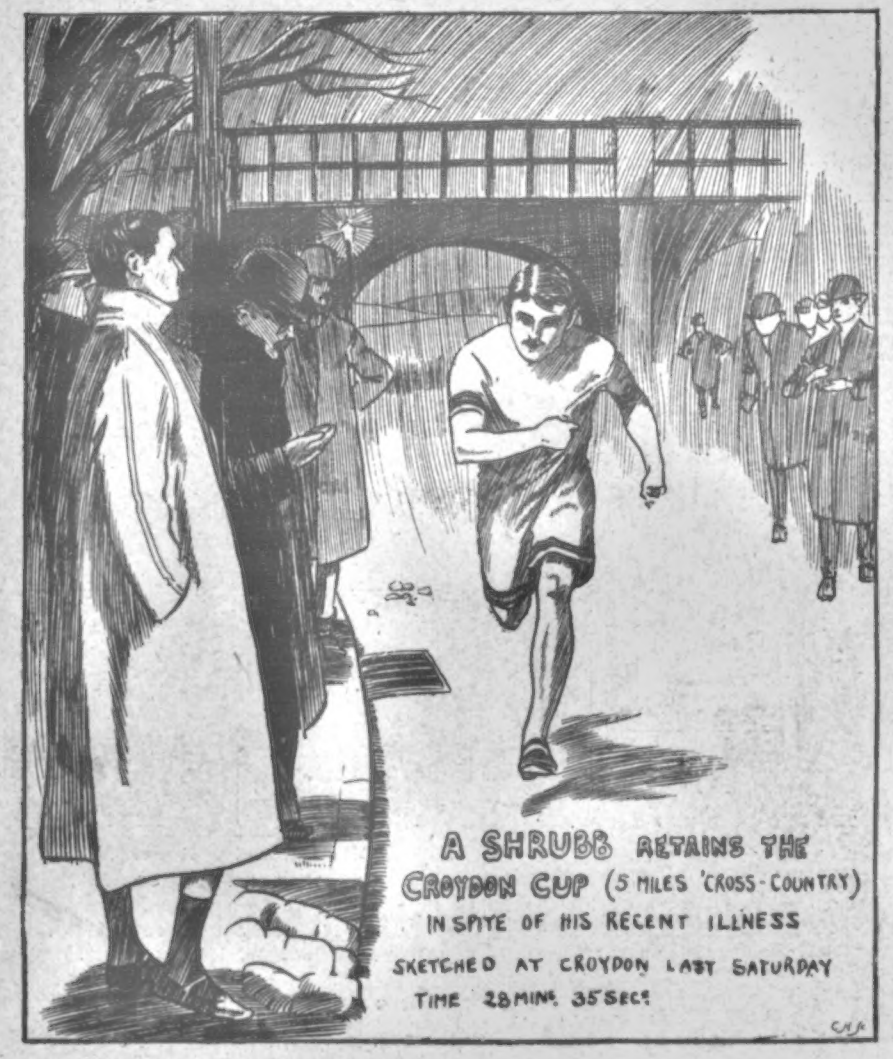
were both engaged on Saturday, and each was successful. Leicester found Cambridge irresistible. Indeed, the Light Blues played a particularly strong game, especially in the first half, during which they scored 16 points. Subsequently a goal was placed from a try for them, and Leicester obtained a penalty goal. Cambridge thus won by 21 points to 3. It was a much closer affair between Oxford and Marlborough Nomads, so far as scoring is concerned. In every other sense the Dark Blues held the advantage, though their victory was gained by no more than 8 points to none.

George Lohmann Gone.

No one who saw Lohmann on the occasion of his début for Surrey in 1884—then nineteen, and the picture of health and strength—would have picked him out as a likely subject for consumption. Indeed, at the end of 1890, W. G. Grace wrote of this famous cricketer that "he has a brilliant future before him, possessing good health, strength, and stamina." Yet at the close of 1892 Lohmann received a warning which induced him to seek the more congenial clime of South Africa. He was absent from the Surrey team till the summer of 1895, when he again appeared for the county which for eight seasons had owed him so much. Though he appeared to have thrown off the consumptive tendency, it was easy to see that he was not the same vigorous young man. He played for two seasons, and then returned to Matjesfontein, Cape Colony, where he remained except for an occasional visit—one of which was paid last summer, when it was painfully evident that he was in ill-health—and died there a few days since. For enthusiasm no cricketer has ever surpassed Lohmann; as a fieldsman in the slips there has certainly been no superior to him; as a batsman he was of the punishing order, and always likely to get runs, especially if they were wanted. But it was as a bowler (medium, but able to vary his pace with great skill) that he gained so great a name. In 1885 he took 142 wickets, and in each of the seven seasons which followed the number of his wickets exceeded 150. His best year as a bowler was 1888, when he secured 209 at the small average cost of a little over ten runs apiece. He also scored 628 runs. In 1890 his wickets numbered 220, but the cost of each was over thirteen. Lohmann probably did more than anyone else to restore Surrey to the position of leaders of county cricket. He visited Australia three times, and it has been thought that the amount of work he did in connection with the game may have helped to establish the fell disease which has claimed him—one of the very best cricketers ever seen—as a victim. He was born at Kensington on June 2, 1865, but his parents soon afterwards removed to Surrey, and his early cricket training was with the Church Institute Club at Wandsworth Common.

Billiards.

It would appear that H. W. Stevenson (champion) had some ground for offering odds to C. Dawson, if one may take his form of last week as a guide. He gave M. Inman a start of 4000 in 9000, and for four days seemed to show by his play that this was by no means above his powers. Then on the fifth day Inman surprised everybody by his play, and at the close of that day his position was much better. On Saturday Stevenson's display was at times quite brilliant, but despite 470, 326, 232, and 2.0 he was beaten by 158 points. At the recent general annual meeting of the Billiard Association the advisability of having only amateurs on the general committee was a subject discussed and favourably entertained. BANSHEE.



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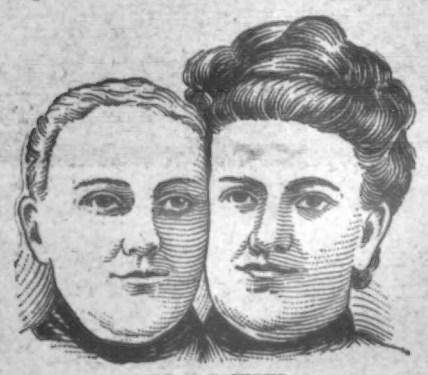

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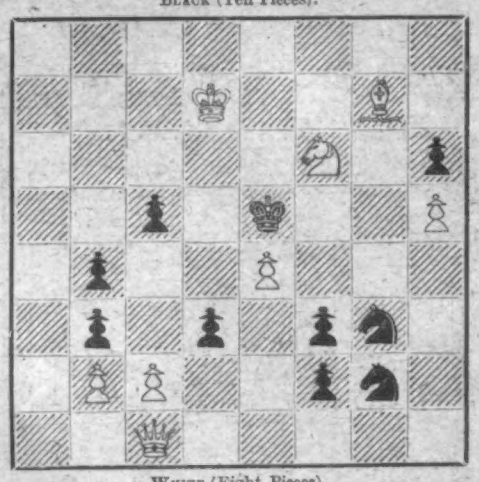
SOLUTION OF PROBLEM No. 402.

1. B to R 4th	P to K 6th	2. Q to Kt 3rd	Mate
1. ,,	K P takes P	2. Q to Q 4th	,,
1. ,,	Kt P takes P	2. Kt to Kt 6th	,, etc.

PROBLEM No. 403.—By M. FEIGL.

BLACK (Ten Pieces).



WHITE (Eight Pieces).

White to play, and mate in three moves.

A FINELY PLAYED RUY LOPEZ.

The appended game was recently played at the Brooklyn Chess Club. While the P to Q 3rd variation is open to the objection that it produces a very close game for the second player, the defence of P to Q R 3rd and P to Q Kt 4th, as employed in the subjoined game, leads to a very loose formation of the Black Pawns on the Queen's wing—

WHITE (Howell).	BLACK (Curt).
1. P to K 4th	P to K 4th
2. K Kt to B 3rd	Q Kt to B 3rd
3. B to Kt 5th	P to Q R 3rd
4. B to R 4th	Kt to B 3rd
5. Castles	Kt takes P
6. P to Q 4th	P to Q Kt 4th
7. B to Kt 3rd	P to Q 4th
8. P to Q B 4th	Q R to Kt 1st
9. R P takes P	R P takes P
10. P takes P	B to K 3rd
11. P to B 3rd	B to K 2nd
12. Q Kt to Q 2nd	Kt to B 4th

There is no prospect for the Kt on B 4th; it is uncomfortably situated and open to attack. Kt takes Kt is the lesser evil.

13. B to R 2nd	P to Kt 5th
14. Kt to Q 4th	Kt takes P

Too risky in view of the fact that Black had not Castled, though carried out with extreme ingenuity. If Kt takes Kt; 15. P takes Kt, K to Q 2nd; 16. P to B 4th, P to Kt 3rd, and Black may perhaps wriggle out of the uncomfortable position.

15. P to K B 4th	B to Kt 5th
16. Q to K 1st	Kt (B 4) to Q 6
17. B takes Kt	Kt takes B
18. Q to Kt 3rd	P to Q B 4th

Black's only possible hope is to continue the adventurous line of play commenced with his move of Kt takes P. Kt takes B was obviously unsatisfactory.

19. Kt to B 6th	Q to Kt 3rd
20. Kt takes B	

If 20. Kt takes R, B to K 7th would gain back the exchange.

20.	P to B 5th (ch)
21. K to R 1st	K takes Kt

Play now becomes exceedingly interesting. If Black plays the very tempting move of B to K 7th, then if 22. Q takes P, Black would reply with B takes R; 23. Q takes R (ch), K takes Kt; 24. Q to Q 4th, Q takes Q; 25. P takes Q, B to K 7th, with a good game; but if in reply to B to K 7th, White plays 22. Kt takes P, then Q to B 4th, 23. Q to K 3rd (ch), and White will retain two pieces for a Rook.

22. Q takes B	Kt to B 7 (ch)
23. R takes Kt	Q takes R
24. Q to Kt 5 (ch)	K to B 1st
25. Kt to R 3rd	Q to B 8th (ch)
26. Kt to Kt 1st	Q to Q 8th
27. B to K 3rd	

An ingenious and well-calculated sacrifice which forces a win against best play. Black could have improved on his previous move by playing Q to Q 6th, which would have made White's development somewhat, though not much more, difficult.

27.	Q takes R
28. B to B 5 (ch)	K to Kt 1st
29. B to Q 4th	K to B 1st
30. Q takes P (ch)	K to K 2nd
31. Q to K 5 (ch)	K to Q 2nd
32. Q takes P (ch)	K to B 2nd
33. B takes R	Resigns.

DRAUGHTS.

F. DUCKHAM and J. BUTCHER.—You are quite correct.

T. NOBLE.—Thanks for "Dyke." Will be attended to.

W. H. COLLIER written to.

WILL PLAYERS kindly inform where the "Draughts" Clubs of Chelsea or neighbourhood of Charing Cross hold their meetings? ("Draughts," *P.I.P.*, 198, Strand, W.C.)

SOLUTION OF PROBLEM No. 364.—By A. H. WALLER.

Black: 1, 6, 9, 14, 15, 20, 23, 16K, 25K, 29K.
White: 8, 13, 21, 28, 30, 32, 7K, 22K.

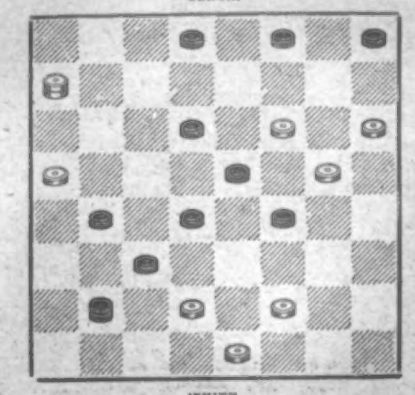
White to move, and win.

8 3	20—27	7 11	6—15	32 7
25—18	30 25	16—7	13 6	
28 24	29—22	3 10	1—10	W. wins.

PROBLEM No. 365.

By E. S. GILDERSLEVE (Stoke Newington).

BLACK.



WHITE.

White to move, and win.

GAME No. 316.

By H. T. SMITH (Chelsea).

"Denny."*

10—14*	23 27	8—11	19 22	2—11
22 17	10—14	22 17	14—18	17 14
7—10	28 24	11—16	22 15	23—26
17 13	11—15	29 11	10—28	31 17
3—7	30 26	7—23	31 26	26—30
24 20	6—10	25 22	16—19	14 9
14—18	23 19	18—25	26 22a	5—14
23 14	1—6	27 11	19—23	17 1
9—18	26 23	12—16	11 7	Drawn.

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A Dovecote.

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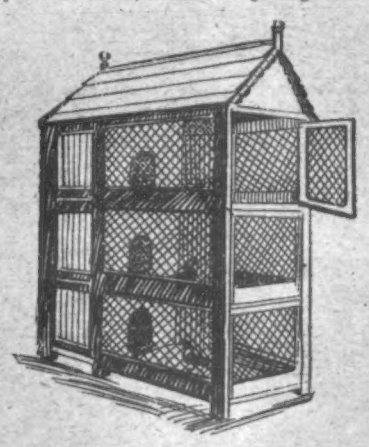

A MODEL COTE.

of becoming soiled, the use of such a cote is almost indispensable. At the recent poultry and pigeon show cotes of a similar design were sold in large numbers. The cote is made in different sizes, the popular dimensions being 6 ft. high, 4 ft. long, and 3 ft. wide.

Hyacinth Culture.

I am obliged by "Don's" friendly criticism, and will bear in mind what he has said when the time comes for spring sowing. The hyacinth, one of our most useful spring flowers, continues to advance in popularity every season, and for all decorative purposes from Christmas to May it is indispensable.

HYACINTH.

For Pots.—Plant the bulbs in September and October, the latter being the best for potting the general collection, and for succession to December. The soil should be rich and light; good fibry loam, with a quantity of well-decayed cow manure and a little leaf-mould and silver-sand, all thoroughly mixed together, is very suitable. Before potting, place a handful of crocks, or crocks and some pieces of charcoal, at the bottom of the pot; then fill with soil and pot the bulb firmly, leaving the top just above the surface. After potting, give a good watering and place the pots on a bed of ashes, cocoa-nut fibre, or tan, and cover them with the same material to a depth of four or five inches. When well rooted, which will be in five or seven weeks, uncover, bring gradually to the light, and remove to cold pit, frame, or greenhouse. To keep the foliage dwarf and produce bright-coloured flowers, hyacinths when growing, should have abundance of water, plenty of air, avoiding draughts, and be kept as near the glass as possible.

For Glasses.—Select bulbs early and keep cool and close till base of bulb is swelled, almost beginning to make roots; then place in glasses filled with water, so that the base of the bulb just touches the water; use fresh rain-water if possible, putting a piece of charcoal in each glass to keep the water pure. Place in a cool dark room, closet, or cellar, until the roots are three or four inches long, when they may be gradually inured to the light, putting them in the sunniest situation, and as near the glass as possible; grow on in full light and give plenty of air, both of which are very essential to keep them dwarf and give full development to flower and colour. Avoid draughts, keep below the level of the gas, shield from the heat of the fire, and protect from frost. Fill up the glasses as water evaporates, turn round occasionally, and support immediately they require.

For Beds.—Plant from end of September to the beginning of December if the weather is not too frosty, in good well-enriched soil, covering the bulbs four inches deep from the top of bulb.

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THE END-OVER-END CHURN.

away with the indefinite turning of old-pattern fastenings, as used upon many other churns. The churns are made in various sizes, the quantities of milk they are expected to work being based upon the cream being skimmed. If the cream is from a separator, requiring to be thinned down by added water, the quantity should be reduced by nearly one-third, or rather the quantity of cream with added water should not exceed the quantities stated for each size of churn.

N.B.—The "*P.I.P.* Farmer" will be pleased to reply to rural questions sent to him through the Editor of *The Penny Illustrated Paper*, 198, Strand, London, W.C.

THE RACING WORLD.

THE RACING WORLD is somewhat apt to underrate the risks jockeys take, and, looking only at the apparently high rate of fees, consider the money easily earned. Easy is the word while things go right, and pay at the rate of five pounds a winning mount and three pounds for a losing, with plenty of adjuncts for taking part in trials for riding "at work," soon mounts up to an income attainable by few members of other professions, except by those who reach the rank of stars. The hard-working follower of other trades may well envy the favoured knights of the pigskin, and fancy they would be willing to encounter similar dangers for equally handsome remuneration. If you come to think the business out you find that the cons are, very many of them, not taken into account at all in reckoning up the profitable pros. From the first initiation into riding the jockey that is to be is always in more or less danger. That, you say, is the common lot of all passing much time in the saddle, and might quote the mishaps of the hunting-field as showing how Englishmen cheerfully face more or less serious accident in pursuit of pleasure, themselves paying where the others are paid.

We will grant all that, but, admitting so much, the case for the jockey remains as stated. A few who get to the top of the tree do command great incomes, and are in position to save quickly sufficient to make them well-to-do for life. We hear all about these, but next to nothing at all of the rank and file, who for one reason or another never manage to gain a single step. I wonder how many thousands of apprentices have passed through their term of indenture

Without Getting a Single Mount

in public, or after serving their time. For them is no chance of setting by a reserve to carry them over bad times when they are disabled. From the day they join a stable they fairly earn what they receive in riding at exercise and doing horses; after they are out of their time, the average rate of remuneration is, as we know, something between a pound and thirty shillings a week. Some few there are who get on to be head lads or even trainers, or can turn their experience to good account in other ways; but the great majority apprenticed either make jockeys, having caught on to that department, or make stablemen, and that is all. Now, take the position of the boy whose parents are in a humble way, as are his own abilities. Without question his trade is a dangerous one. Where is he, what is to become of him, if during his period of pupilage he is incapacitated by accident? Stable hands are plentiful the whole country over; few employers would want to engage cripples. The lad striving to

Qualify as a Jockey

may not only fail altogether in that endeavour, but render himself unfit for other occupation.

This is a fact frequently quoted by an older class who to steeplechasing are pretty much what apprentices and lads are to flat-racing. You cannot get many of these to school horses, because, as they say, they can at any time be knocked out teaching horses their business for the recognised jockeys to ride in races. I am led to utilise what is in the matter of active sport a rather off week, and tackle this subject through thinking of

Otto Madden,

at the top of the list of successful riders, banqueting his friends at Newmarket to celebrate his premiership, and poor little Sam Loates still lying in hospital at Northampton — Sam, who but for mishaps on duty, might have been the leader instead of Madden. Whether Loates will ever be able to ride again appears doubtful; let us hope he will, for he is one of our best jockeys, and we have seen some wonderful recoveries from perhaps worse injuries than his. But certainly the two bad falls he had this year do point a moral not to be forgotten when one reckons up jockeys' profits. They have been lucky and unlucky, these Loateses—the three the present generation in the Turf world know about. Old-fashioned Uncle Ben, christened Charles, the eldest of the trio, for years fought against chronic and often very severe pain through old injuries to his legs. Ben kept on long after any less stout of heart must have given up. Then there was Tom, the youngest, who, try as he would after two smashing falls, at Manchester and Liverpool, was compelled to give up when, but for his bad luck, he had before him many seasons' practice. Now we have Sam, who might do the wisest thing in not chancing another serious fall, and following the example of his brothers.

O. MADDEN,
Who Heads the List of Winning Jockeys.

Should the little man come to this resolution, he would probably find no difficulty about following in his contemporaries John Watts and Fred Webb's footsteps, to quote late examples of jockeys turned trainers. Sam, surely, has a good connection, ready-made, who would be pleased to send him horses! There is one thing we can say now—namely, that we can better spare prominent representatives to

Keep England's End Up

against the American school because we have so large a crop of excellent youngsters coming on. Scarcely ever, perhaps, in the racing world's memory have there been so many of the apprentice class riding as well. In Childs, Hardy, Gibbons, the Aylins, and others to be named, we have a sample of rare promise.

On steeplechasing and hurdle-racing and the December sales I do not purpose to spread myself just now. The last have interest only as regards high-priced lots and new buyers, except for breeders. Most of us have not got into our stride at the National Hunt game, nor, by the same token, have a good many of the horses themselves. We saw that at Kempton, where, on perfect going, many tumbled. One who nearly did was a winner, Master Herbert, the high-priced, of whom a very great deal is thought. We are told to look out for some very smart new chasers. From what I hear these and others will have to be specially good if among them they can stop Ambush II. when he is fit.

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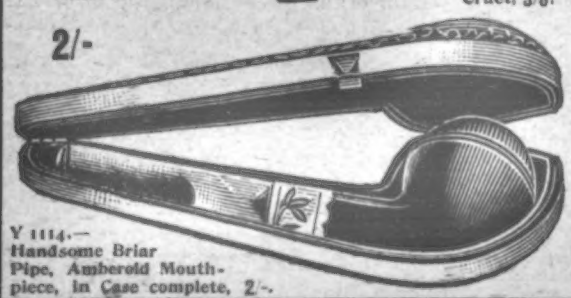

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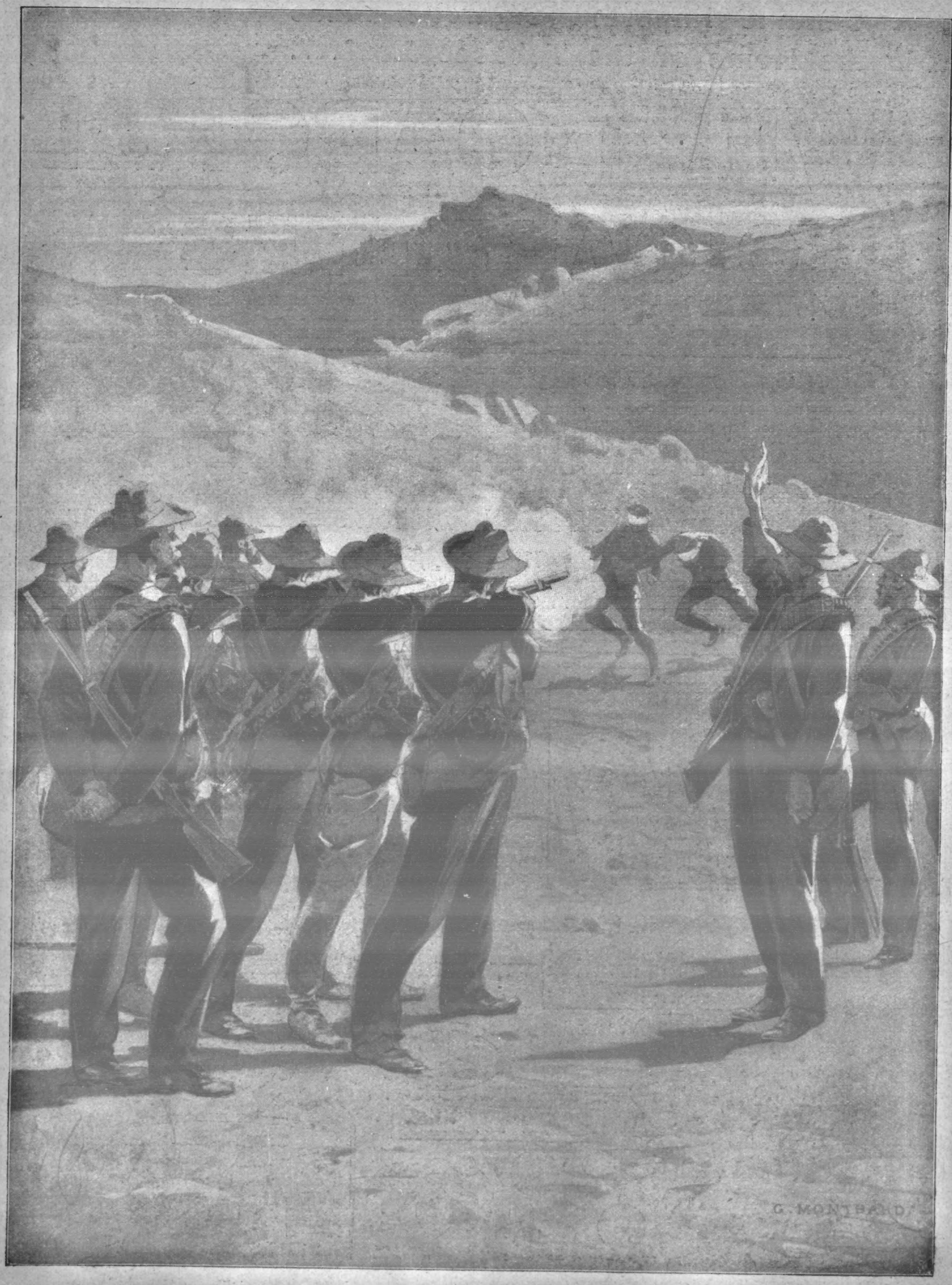

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I.

MISS DENNIS looked from the window, wondering why Alice did not come to breakfast, and guessing from her niece's dejected attitude that something unusual had happened, went out on the lawn to inquire.

"It's nothing," replied Alice; "at least, nothing particular."

"I'm sure," insisted Miss Dennis, "that you have had bad news."

"It isn't bad news," said Alice defiantly. "Captain Selwyn has written to say he doesn't want to have anything more to do with me—that's all."

And then Miss Dennis forgot that her tea was getting cold.

"What on earth have you done?" she exclaimed.

"Nothing. At the ball in London last week he asked me not to dance with Mr. Huntley. Well, I did—five times! So we quarrelled. To-day he writes that, since I am so anxious our engagement should be broken off, he sets me free. So it's all over, and I'm very glad!"

For some days Miss Seymour was in exceedingly low spirits. There was nothing to do and no scope for her mischief. When, however, it became known that two gentlemen had taken The Cottage for the summer, a murmur of expectant curiosity stirred the inhabitants of either bank for a quarter of a mile on each side; and when the man at the Mill said "they evidently thought themselves somebody," local curiosity became acute.

But Miss Seymour heard these and other whispers, and hoped that the advent of the two strangers might dispel the monotony which was swamping her. For a week or two nothing happened, but at last Blatchington discovered that it was entertaining angels unawares. A paragraph in a local paper said that a distinguished poet and an equally distinguished painter had taken "a charming riverside residence at Blatchington," but when the names of the illustrious visitors were divulged, no one in the parish had ever heard of them before.

Miss Seymour read the paragraph and pondered; and, when one afternoon, after a walk with her little cousin Eva, she learnt, on their return, that "the two gentlemen from the cottage were in the drawing-room," she entered that pleasant apartment with her sweetest smile and a sense of refreshing expectancy.

Her aunt introduced her.

"Mr. Laurence and Mr. Westover, my dear, the gentlemen who have taken The Cottage. Mr. Westover wishes to paint a picture from the corner of our lawn. Of course we shall be delighted."

"It is the greatest compliment to our view," murmured Alice sweetly.

While Miss Dennis was discovering that Mr. Laurence "knew nothing of the literature of the Circulating Library," her niece talked to Mr. Westover.

"Does your friend paint too?" she asked.

"No," he answered gravely, "he is a poet."

When Miss Seymour took Mr. Westover into the garden to find a place for his easel, they continued to talk art.

"No," said he, with a little movement of contempt, during which he seemed anxious to see the tip of his nose. "I never exhibit at the Academy. Popularity with the mob is not my object."

And then she knew what manner of man he was, and began to treat him with doses of flattery till his face beamed with pleasure.

"What a delightful girl!" thought he.

But had he guessed what she was really thinking, he would have been tempted to drown himself in the weir.

II.

Miss Seymour's plan of campaign was simple. She was very pretty and an heiress to quite a respectable extent, and warmly welcomed the tenants of The Cottage to her aunt's house. The result was that in a fortnight each thought that he was the favoured admirer of a charming girl, who must have the full control of £2000 a year when she was twenty-five. By the same simple process of reflection, therefore, the same purpose took possession of both the poet and painter, and the moment it shaped itself it interfered with their joint association of mutual flattery which they mistook for friendship.

"Laurence is a prig!" reflected Westover.

"Westover's an artistic impostor," reflected Laurence.

And so in secret they began quite healthily to hate each other.

First of all, it had seemed to Westover that he was to have things all his own way. But when Miss Seymour insisted that "he must set about his great picture, if not for his own sake, at least for the sake of those who believed in his genius," Laurence's turn came. Compelled to dab paint on a canvas whilst Laurence was lying in a punt reading his confounded sonnets to Miss Seymour, Westover became a singularly unpleasant companion. Occasionally she would approach his easel and warmly admire his work, but Laurence was invariably behind her with some depreciatory suggestion, and at last the artist began to feel that "he was actually losing weight."

That evening at dinner accordingly Westover informed Laurence, who had passed what he described as "a heavenly afternoon on the river," that he was tired of the landscape, and meant to ask Miss Seymour to sit for her portrait.

"She hates having her portrait taken," said Laurence; "she told me so."

"She was referring to photography," snapped Westover.

On the following day, however, Westover made his request, and Miss Seymour, grasping the situation, said, "Oh, Mr. Westover, it will be a great honour for me, and Mr. Laurence will read his 'Epic of Eurydice' to us."

And she actually brought this about. Whilst she sat at a raised stage prepared for her in an upper room with a northern light, Westover tried to paint, whilst Laurence read his unpublished "Eurydice."

That evening the two men openly quarrelled. Westover spoke disparagingly of Laurence's "Eurydice" as an echo of Swinburne, and Laurence exploded.

"It may be outside the circle of your understanding, Westover," he said, trying to keep calm, "but at all events Miss Seymour appreciated it."

"Ha, ha! Did she, though? Ha, ha!" laughed Westover rudely.

It was the laugh which did it.

"Your manner is positively offensive," said the angry poet. "Still, I think I can account for it; but to prevent any further mistakes, I had better tell you I have the greatest admiration for Miss Seymour."

"I'm sorry for that," replied Westover, "for I intend to ask her to be my wife. Henceforth, I must request you to regard her as a mere acquaintance."

"Confound you, Sir!" screamed the poet. "I have decided to marry her myself!"

Then they glared across the narrow table.

"It seems, then, we are rivals," said Laurence.

"As you will not abandon your absurd pretensions, it seems we are."

Then Westover bounced out of the room, while Laurence shouted "Cad!" after him.

The next morning the rivals, after avoiding to meet at breakfast, went to Miss Seymour by different ways: Laurence by the river, Westover by the fields; but all the time each was in sight of the other. Fortune favoured Westover; he met Miss Seymour on the lawn five minutes before Laurence reached the garden gate. There was no time for gentle strategy. His rival's head was visible over the privet hedge.

"Oh! Miss Seymour," he began excitedly; "forgive me, but I must speak; I haven't slept all night, and I love you—there!"

But Miss Seymour drew back with an assumed expression of pain and surprise.

"Oh, Mr. Westover, I'm so sorry; I didn't know, but——"

"Surely you don't care for someone else!" said the dismayed painter.

"After what you have said," replied Miss Seymour, "it is right that I should tell you that I do!"

Then, as she turned away from him with a tragic air, returning slowly to the house, he cried after her—

"It's that beast Laurence! He's a prig and a humbug, with no more heart than a walnut!"

Then Westover scrambled into the boat, and began to pull furiously back to The Cottage.

Meanwhile Laurence was shown into the drawing-room, where Miss Dennis was reading the *Morning Post*.

"You will find my niece in the garden," she said, in answer to his inquiry.

Laurence stepped out on the lawn, where he saw Miss Seymour in the most graceful attitude, bending over a rose-bush.

He was carried away.

"Am I?" he asked—"am I too late?"

"Why, Mr. Laurence, "it's only half-past eleven."

"No, no. I mean, is it too late for me to ask you to make me the happiest of men."

Miss Seymour stood for a moment the picture of maiden modesty, her eyes cast on the turf.

"It is too late," she said solemnly, "and I cannot listen to you."

Then she sailed in at the porch, leaving him, figuratively, "all of a heap."

"It's that sneaking cad Westover!" he thought.

They met on the following morning at breakfast. "So I am to congratulate you, Sir," said Laurence grimly.

"On what?" returned Westover savagely; "on my forbearance?"

"Why? Hasn't Miss Seymour accepted you, then?"

"I fail to understand you, Sir," replied Westover.

"Why, surely she can't have refused us both."

Then they compared notes.

"Laurence, have I wronged you?" asked Westover generously.

They shook hands over the eggs and bacon, which were cooling, when they discovered they were paddling in the same foolish boat.

That afternoon they decided to call at Miss Dennis's to say good-bye. So far as her niece was concerned, they intended the exhibition to be a punitive one.

In the lane they met Eva, whom they questioned.

"Oh, yes," she said, "Alice is with Captain Selwyn. He came down last night, and they've made it up. The wedding's next month. I'm to be bridesmaid."

At this they turned on their heel and returned to The Cottage, and the farewell call was never made. That evening they went up to town.

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A Pretty Hat trimmed with lace and velvet is depicted in my first sketch. This hat may be made of material like the costume, which is now the most fashionable thing. A becoming frame is found, and the cloth is draped over it, not fitting upon it like a velvet hat. Pin the drapery in position, and then tack here and there with strong cotton. The lace is arranged from the crown to spread out and lightly droop over the brim, where it should be caught up with fancy pins. At the side of the hat a velvet bow with a pretty buckle catches the edge of the brim, and shows underneath as well

A PRETTY HAT.

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A Useful Frock for a child of eight years is seen in my second sketch. The frock is trimmed round the hem with several rows of stitching. The bodice is tucked at the top and the fullness allowed to hang loose until it comes to waist, where it is gathered into a waistband. The shoulders are covered with a collar of black velvet stitched with white and edged with ruching of ribbon, while a band of this material goes down the front and fastens under the buttons shown in Illustration. The sleeves are gathered into a cuff at the waist, and the whole shows a very comfortable and useful dress for an active little girl.

SMART OUTDOOR COSTUME.

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A Visiting Costume of brown cloth, trimmed with mink or beaver and black velvet, is also shown. The skirt here has the front width outlined with trimming, as well as the top of the flounce. The bodice shows the new Russian blouse, which is banded at the waist and made much longer in front than usual. This is in order to allow the fronts to pouch after the band is fastened. A small pocket is made at the left side, as shown in Illustration, while the trimming consists of rows of buttons. The lie-over collar is of material trimmed with velvet and fur. The coat-sleeve is quite plain, with an edging at the wrist.

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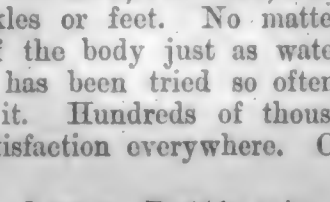

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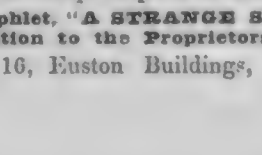

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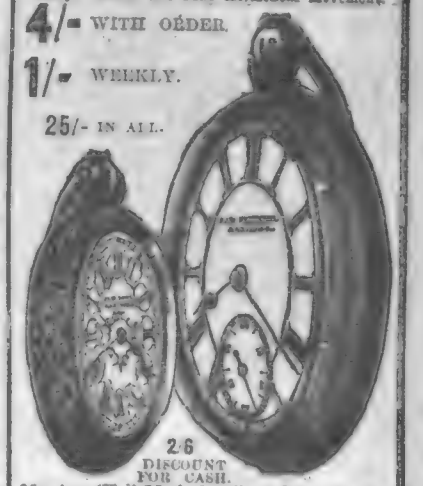

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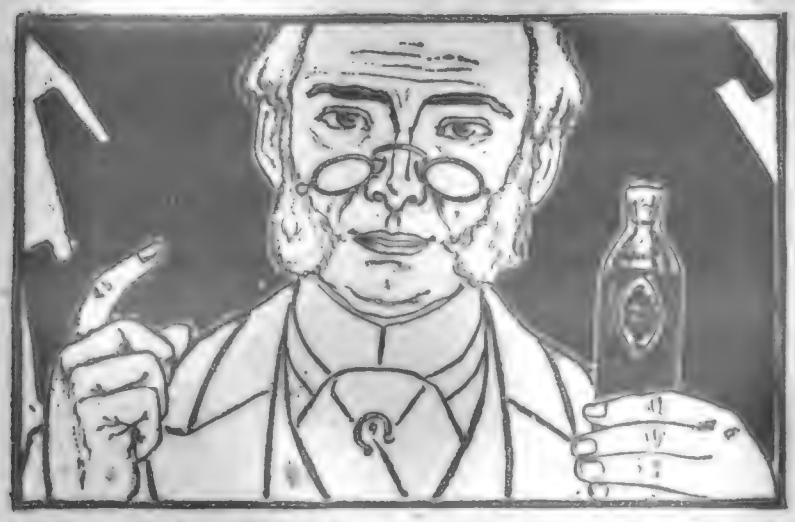

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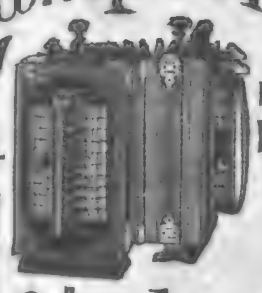

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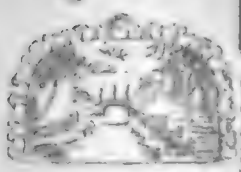

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THE WORLD OF WOMEN.

ONE need not be upon the stage to feel a little envious of the delightful experiences of Mr. and Mrs. Seymour Hicks, who received last week a "command" from Sandringham to perform, with their theatrical company from the Vaudeville, before the King and Queen in honour of the birthday of

Princess Charles of Denmark.

The pieces chosen were "Scrooge," a play in one act, adapted for the stage from Dickens's "Christmas Carol," and "Papa's Wife," a musical duologue in one act, by Seymour Hicks and F. C. Phillips; music by Ellaline Terriss (Mrs. Seymour Hicks). Mr. and Mrs. Hicks, and Mr. Dan Leno, who filled in the interlude between the plays with some of his clever songs, stayed the night at Sandringham; the other members of the company were accommodated at the hotel at King's Lynn. Dinner was served at eight o'clock in the conservatory, and the curtain went up at half-past ten. There was a sort of informal rehearsal before dinner, as the stage was small and a number of people had to appear upon it at the same moment. But everything went well, and, after supper, Mr. and Mrs. Seymour Hicks had an

Audience with the King and Queen,

who presented Mrs. Hicks with a beautiful diamond brooch, and her clever husband with gold sleeve-links set in diamonds. To Dan Leno a very handsome scarf-pin was given. It was a great compliment to that clever young couple,

MR. SEYMOUR HICKS

MRS. SEYMOUR HICKS.

WHO HAD THE HONOUR OF PLAYING BEFORE THE COURT AT SANDRINGHAM LAST WEEK.

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Mr. and Mrs. Seymour Hicks, to have been the first to be invited to perform before Their Majesties.

Mr. Dan Leno

seems to have thoroughly enjoyed his visit, and on his return to the London Pavilion a most hearty reception was given him. In reply to calls for a speech, he said: "Ladies and gentlemen,—I have had the great honour of appearing before His Majesty the King and our Gracious Lady the Queen at Sandringham. I must admit that I was a little timid at first, but the King was so nice that I soon got over that. What pleased me very much was that His Majesty presented me with a very handsome diamond pin. What pleased me more was that the King and Queen seemed to appreciate my little bit of nonsense. What pleased me most was that both Their Majesties, I am glad to be able to say, were looking in the best of health." The audience loudly cheered, and Mr. Leno then went on with his ordinary "business." At the conclusion of his performance Mr. Leno held a reception in his dressing-room, and told his friends about his visit to Sandringham, mentioning that the King and Queen and Prince of Wales shook hands with him, and said how much they had enjoyed themselves, and how pleased they were. "His Majesty," said Mr. Leno, "does not shake hands with the tips of his fingers, but gives you a Good Hearty, English Grip."

Mr. Leno added that when he put on his dress-suit to be presented to the King he found he had no white tie. So he put on a piece of white tape, "and it produced such a funny effect," he said. With kindly thoughtfulness the Queen sent a large quantity of fruit to the children who appeared in "Scrooge."

The winter is going to be a gay one in spite of the grumbling of that section of the community which looks ever on the dark side. The county and hunt balls, which did not take place last season on account of the death of the Queen, will be resumed this year, and already trade is beginning to revive, and dressmakers are hard at work upon evening frocks. So many frills are worn now upon the long skirts that a dress takes very much longer to make than heretofore, and those ladies are kind as well as wise who gave their orders early.

Bodices

are not quite as plain and bare-looking as they were a few months ago. They are also trimmed with frills to match the skirts, and frills finish off the elbow-sleeves, which will be much worn all through the season. I recommend a visit to Shoolbred's, and an inspection of their stock of charming frocks for evening wear, before a choice is made.

Black Brussels Net,

over a satin slip, with many little frills of net, edged with satin, round the skirt, is the ideal dress at present. The design can be carried out in pink, blue, mauve, pale green, or pale yellow, according to taste, or in white for a very young girl. Look out this week for the "Christmas Presents Number" of the *Lady's Pictorial*; it will be a great help to those who cannot visit the shops themselves, and the Christmas Number is worth having also. There are notices of many gift-books for the season, and two very good stories—one by Helen Mathers, the other by Miss Ella Hepworth Dixon. Mothers are buying at Liberty's the pretty spotted muslins in lovely shades of artistic colours, for making up into evening frocks for their girls who are not yet out.

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are also favourite materials for frocks for girls. Both the silk and the veiling can be draped or frilled according to taste, and yet the frocks will look youthful and elegant. Velveteen for girls of from seven to ten looks very smart and pretty. It should be trimmed with lace; and brown stockings, instead of black or white, make up a very charming costume.

I have to thank several kind friends who have written to show their sympathy with me for having suffered from the rudeness and contempt of the Pro-Boers who attacked me, as the Boers themselves attacked Natal, without provocation.

Specially Grateful

am I for the joint letter from two old people who wrote from Nottingham. It is satisfactory

MR. DAN LENO INSTRUCTS HIS MAJESTY "HOW TO BUY A HOUSE."

to know that I have readers who do not regard me as an ignorant boor because I do not look upon our soldiers as cowards and brutal bullies. I have not space to mention in detail the many letters I have received from fair-minded people who do not side with our enemies. Why they should be always right and England always wrong I cannot see. Another abusive Pro-Boer letter which I received recently is fully accounted for by the place from which it was written—a hotbed of ignorance and conceit.

Ignorance and Conceit

generally walk hand in hand. I have carefully and impartially studied both sides of the questions now before the country, and I am quite able to form an opinion upon them. I can respect those who have done the same and yet remain Pro-Boers, for they are not likely to think that their country is to blame for everything that has happened.

The old-fashioned Devonshire picture in the Christmas Number of the *Illustrated London News* suggested to Winifred E. Heard the following pretty verses—

Apple-Trees.

When are they fairest, these fair apple-trees?—
When they are waving in softest May breeze,
Covered with blossom of soft pink and white,
Fluttering snow in the golden sunlight.

When are they fairest?—When daffodils glow,
And only leaves on the apple-trees show;
Or lying ruddy round each twisted root,
Children may gather the fair ripened fruit.

When leaves are whispering under blue skies,
And sporting gaily the gold butterflies
Over the lilacs that perfume the air,
Under the trees where the apples gleam fair.

When golden sunlight has ripened the corn,
And sweetly singing, the throstle at dawn
Wakens the children to sunlight and flowers,
Are they the fairest in summer's glad hours.

Out in the sunlight they glisten and glow,
Beautiful apple-trees covered with snow,
Shining with pearls of the fair mistletoe,
When are they fairest, I wondering go.

A Most Interesting Publication

has just been issued by the London County Council. It might be called "The Book of London," as it deals with every public aspect of the life of nearly six millions of people who inhabit this great city. Needless to say that the volume is of enormous size. It is full of statistics; and it is the items which relate to marriage which will have the greatest interest for the majority of those who come across extracts from the book. "More startling," writes a contemporary, "even than the vastness and wealth of our population is the steady decline in the number of marriages and in the birth-rate." Various reasons are given for this falling off. There is an idea, strongly held by some, and as strongly scouted by others, that a

Decline in Marriages

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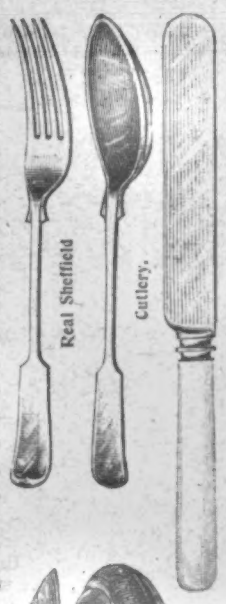

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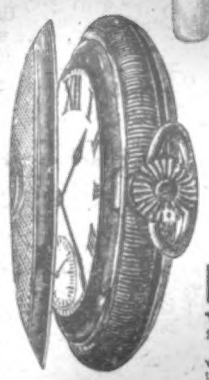

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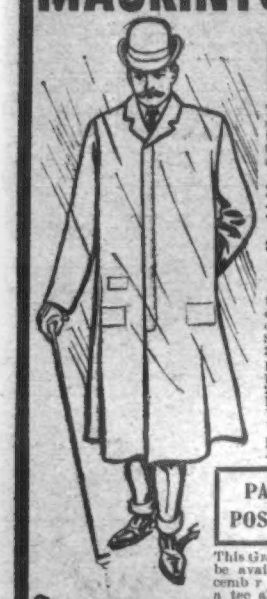

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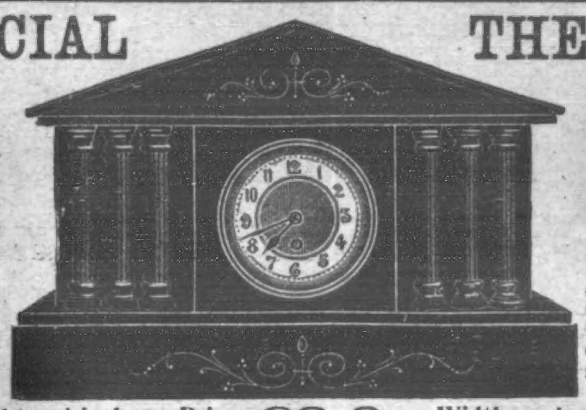

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